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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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DCI Representative for NSSD-1-83

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SUBJECT: Update on Progress in the Technology Transfer NSSD

1. The bottom line in my previous memorandum to you is still valid, namely:

- The objectives of the NSSD as envisioned by the President in his directive will not be met by the October 31 deadline;
- No one is currently in charge of the overall effort; and
- Strong NSC leadership is required to force the working groups to address the organizational issues so critical to the study. [REDACTED]

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2. What the Working Groups Have Done. Of the three working groups (Policy, Organizations, and Special Issues), only the Policy group has a 'product' that could be considered useful. Under the leadership of the State Department, it has formulated some 39 policy directives, outlining broad policy objectives. Most of these are simply an endorsement of present practices. [REDACTED]

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3. What the Working Groups Have Not Done. There has been no attempt by the Organizations group to address the critical issues involving the integration and implementation of existing, let alone future technology transfer policy. This is particularly significant because major implementation problems exist now (e.g. Customs and Commerce on enforcement), and statements of future policy will be meaningless without an effective implementation plan. Furthermore, the Special Issues group has failed to recommend policy for the issues assigned to them, such as the control of sensitive, but currently unclassified technology and the relationship with academia. In sum, the Policy group generated their broad policy statements in vacuo. [REDACTED]

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4. I believe the best course of action is to let the Policy group present its findings to the SIG-TT for review by the end of October. These findings could be viewed as helpful toward framing a comprehensive policy. To actually develop this comprehensive policy, however, will require a follow-on effort, led by a strong NSC chairman who has the clout to force the working groups to address the important issues, and who has the authority to resolve organizational disputes that will arise in the process.

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